

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Transfer Opportunity

Psychiatric Social Worker II for Children's Team

Family and Community Partnerships, Children's Systems of Care

Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention

The Partners in Suicide Prevention (PSP) Team for Children, Transition Age Youth (TAY), Adults and Older Adults is funded by Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). This innovative program offered by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) is designed to increase public awareness on suicide and reduce stigma associated with seeking mental health and substance abuse services. DMH is interested in developing expertise in suicide prevention and early intervention strategies. Among the PSP Team members, the PSW II is expected to have knowledge and expertise in the field of suicide prevention. Principle job roles include training and consultation with directly operated DMH staff, contract providers, organizations, and community-based agencies relative to: best practices in early identification of risk factors for suicide and depression; age-appropriate treatment/intervention strategies; and resource development and education to increase public awareness.

Role of Suicide Prevention Specialist

- Promote public awareness on early detection and intervention.
- Identify natural communities and link to DMH network providers.
- Identify cultural barriers to suicide prevention and integrate culturally competent practices into suicide prevention and early intervention programs.
- Work with community agencies to reduce stigma associated with mental illness, substance abuse and suicide.
- Identify and promote evidence based screening tools for early detection and early intervention of suicide.
- Provide education, information, consultation and training to directly operated, contract providers and community agencies at risk and protective factors; and evidence based and promising practice treatment interventions.
- Build alliances with community agencies to expand resource and capacity within the age group such as faith based communities, schools, grass root organizations and other community based organizations.
- Develop a resource manual that identifies suicide prevention by age groups.
- Participate in countywide steering committees such as the Los Angeles County Suicide Prevention Network that address suicide prevention, intervention and postvention.
- Participate in the Interagency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) - Child and Adolescent Suicide Review Team (CARST).
- Assist providers with integrating suicide prevention programs within the continuum of care.
- Develop age-group specific expertise in children but also collaborate and cross train with other team members.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Transfer Opportunity

Psychiatric Social Worker II for Children's Team

Family and Community Partnerships, Children's Systems of Care

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Licensed Psychiatric Social Worker
- Prior experience providing direct clinical services to children, adolescents, adults and/or older adults
- Demonstrates strong interdepartmental collaboration and communication skills to promote successful program outcomes
- Strong clinical and communication skills
- Experience in suicide prevention and intervention (preferred)

If interested, please submit the following:

- Resume and letter of interest
- Performance evaluations for the last two periods
- Copy of timecard for the last two years

Submit all required paperwork to:

Elizabeth (Betsy) Fitzgerald, LCSW

Clinical Program Head

Family and Community Partnerships/Child PEI

LAC DMH CSOC

600 S Commonwealth Ave, 6th floor

LA, CA 90005

213-739-5433

efitzgerald@dmh.lacounty.gov